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HIS LAST DAY'S WORK

Bryan Made an Early Start From Lincoln This Morning.

RESPECTFULLY HEARD BY OPPONENTS

Devoted Considerable Attention to

the Bond Issues.

HIS PROGRAM AT OMAHA

YORK, Neb., November 2.-Seven o'clock this morning found Mr. Bryan speeding westward from Lincoln on his last day's work of the campaign. The sun had not risen when he reached the special train which was to convey him on his trip and only comparatively few people gathered about the depot to see him off. These few, however, gave him an enthusiastic shout when the train pulled out, and he began his last day's campaign under favorable

The first step of the day was made at Seward. This is a republican place and there was an exceptionally large display of yellow badges, fully half of the crowd being decorated with the republican emblem. Mr. Bryan was, however, respectfully received and he was listened to with marked attention. The appearance of the golden colors in his own state seemed to put the candidate on his mettle, and while he talked for only about ten minutes he delivered a very pointed address. Referring to the appearance of so many gold colors, he intimated to his hearers that the proper material for the farmer to use who would display a gold badge was straw, "for," he said, "under existing circumstances Wall street gets your wheat and leaves you nothing but the straw."

His brief address was devoted largely to a denunciation of the issue of bonds. Nothwithstanding the large number of republicans present, Mr. Bryan was liberally applauded, and it was noticeable that of the shouters were the yellow

More Enthusiasm at York.

As the last day passed Mr. Bryan's audiences began to swell in numbers and enthuslasm. York, the next town, was reached at 9 o'clock, and a thousand people were awaiting the candidate and the enthusiasm was great. There were some yellow badges, but not nearly so much as at Seward. Mr. Bryan was introduced as the next President of the United States, and he replied that if Nebraska furnished the next President it depended a great deal upon the people of Nebraska and how they vote, This brought out a great cheer and the assurance that the state was all right for him. He said that this year the people had tried an experiment in choosing a presidential candidate from west of the Mississippi river, and that some of the people of Nebraska seemed to be very much afrail that there would be a President from the

His speech was to the farmers and found a ready response with them.

The train slowed up as it went through Bradshaw and the few hundred people assembled at the depot cheered Mr. Bryan He stood on the back of the platform of

the special car and bowed in response to the greeting.

Excitement Promised at Omaha. OMAHA, Neb., November 2.-The closing of the campaign in Nebraska at Omaha tonight promises to be a most exciting affair. Bryan will be here and speak at five different places, while the republicans will have a parade, in which 20,000 people will participate. In order to avoid trouble, the town has been divided, and the republican parade will not touch Farnam street until after 9 o'clock the time when Bryan arrives in the city and is to be escorted up Farnam street to the first gathering he will address. There have been some expressions indicative of trouble, and the police are preparing to preserve order. The situation has been intensified by a local paper advising silver men to put rocks in their pockets and use them if efforts are

made to disturb Bryan. On the Return Eastward.

AURORA, Neb., November 2.-Mr. Bryan had a big gathering at Aurora, but it included a large percentage of gold badges, which were, however, more conspicuous about the train than in the vicinity of the platform from which Mr. Bryan spoke, He dwelt in his brief address at this point upon the effects of the gold standard, and especially upon the farming interest.

The points made were liberally applauded, notwithstanding the presence of gold badge wearers.

Grand Island was the extreme western point of the day's tour, as it is the most western place visited by Mr. Bryan during the campaign. There was an excel-lent meeting there. The attendance was large, and the Bryan sentiment very strong judging from the cheers and the absence of gold badges

Mr. Bryan talked for thirty minutes here dwelling upon the importance of individual effort at the polls tomorrow, and saying the result of the election might depend upor the ballot of one vote. He again appealed to the agricultural element to declare itself for the double standard as the most certain means of securing the return of prosperity, which was impossible under existing cir cumstances. The applause was frequent and at times deafening, the volume of sound being greatly augmented by the toot-ing of a large steam thresher, which had been rigged up for the occasion The return trip was begun at 11:30. Hast ings being the next stopping place.

LABOR HOLDS THE BALANCE. The Result in Maryland May

Seriously Affected. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. BALTIMORE, Md., November 2-The most formidable obstacle that threatens the success of McKinley and Hobart in Maryland is the effort of local republican politicians to elect their "combine" candidates to the city council, and their candidate for additional judge. As has been stated before in The Star, the success of the combine is of far more import to the republican ring than the election of the national ticket, and despite the efforts of Chairman Wellington to prevent trading votes for Bryan, there is unquestionable evidence that such a deal is under way. W. W. McIntyre, the republican congressional nominee in the fourth district, The Star correspondent this morning that he had unearthed a conspirary to cut him in exchange for "combine" votes, and un-less the leaders can prevent it the national ticket in that district, as elsewhere, is like-

The democrats and republicans alike claim the state. The outcome is much in doubt. The laboring classes hold the key to the situation. If they vote as they talk, and there is a defection from the republican ranks because of combine ta Bryan may carry the state. Should the working people conclude that the passage of a silver bill will scale down their wages and vote accordingly, McKinley will win by a good majority. Conservative republi-cars and democrats alike admit that the outlook is uncertain, and that the polls and estimates published by both sides are of

The Star Will Give Prompt News and Flash Bulletins.

Unsurpassed Facilities for Giving All Washington the Quickest and Best Returns.

Complete preparations have been made by The Evening Star to give to the Washington public full and prompt election re-

It is doubtful if there was ever an election in this country which attracted anything like the interest or gave rise to half as much excitement as the election tomorrow, which brings to a close a most unique and remarkable campaign. Nor was there ever an election when such thorough arrangements were made for collecting the

For instance, The Star will be supplied from five separate and distinct sources of rections in one unbroken stream. The Star the Associated Press, the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies, and the Long Distance Telephone Company, while special correspondents are stationed at all the critical points to keep the office in this city informed of the situation from minute to minute and from hour to hour.

As the occasion may demand extra editions of The Star will be issued, which will give the very latest information up to the time of going to press.

In addition to this, great screens have which a constant succession of bulletins will be thrown by means of the largest and most powerful electric stereopticons ever used in this city. An immense crowd can be accommodated in the broad stretch of the avenue, but the screens have been so arranged that they can be read for a long distance up and down the street for the convenience of those who cannot get standing room immediately in front. The bulletins will be continued until the story is all told, be it early or late.

For the convenience of the crowds that will be down town to get the returns, the Metropolitan railroad will continue to run on regular schedule until 2 o'clock Wednesday morning. At that hour the last trains will start, at least one in each direction, from the corner of 9th and F streets. The Capital Traction Company announces that it will also run cars if necessary.

SENDING VOTERS HOME.

The Last Work of the Republican Congressional Committee.

The republican congressional committee was busily engaged all day today sending voters home to nearby Virginia and Maryland towns. Secretary Mercer of the committee established headquarters in the basement of the Normandie and was besteged by a throng of colored men from morning until night anxious to return to their places of residence to cast a vote for McKinley and the republican ticket. Several hundred voters were dispatched to the desired destinations during the day.

The committee has closed its literary bureau and winds up business with a stock of documents which could be packed in half a dozen soap boxes. This is all that is left of 25,000,000 decuments which the committee has printed and disseminated from headquarters in this city.

Vice Chairman Apsley of the republican congressional committee left yesterday morning for his home at Hudson to cast his vote for McKinley and Hobart. "I stand by my former prediction that the republican ticket will be triumphant," said Mr. Apsley before leaving, "by more than 325 votes in the electoral college, in fact, McKinley's election will be marked by a landslide, and I have not modified my estimate of the election of 221 sound money republicans to the House.'

NORTHERN PACIFIC'S TERMINUS. An Interesting Question Affecting

Two Land Grants. Another step in a long-standing contro versy has been taken by the Secretary of the Interior in declining to approve the designation of the city of Duluth, Minn., as the eastern terminus or initial point of the Northern Pacific railroad grant. The department holds that the terminal should be at right angles to the last section of th road, and directs that a new terminal be established as the new eastern terminus of

Soinage of Silver Last Month.

the road accordingly.

The government coinage of silver continues heavy. Last month's coinage included \$2,350,000 in standard silver dollars, \$25,800 in half dollars, \$193,000.75 in quarter dollars, and \$43,000 in dimes, making the total silver coinage \$2,844,009.75. The total coinage of gold was \$5,727,500, almost entirely in double eagles, and the coinage of one-cent and five-cent pieces amounted to \$66,900, making the total coinage of gold, silver and minor coins, \$8,638,409.

· Bank Embezzler Pardoned.

The President today pardoned Emil C. Knappe, convicted of embezzling funds of the Chicepee National Bank of Springfield. Mass., and sentenced in 1894 to five years' imprisonment.

In the case of Daniel Masiers, convicted in West Virginia of embezzling letters, and sentenced to fourteen months' imprisonment, the President refuses to shorten the sentence of the court.

Personal Mention.

James T. DuBois, who has been speaking in the eighth district of Pennsylvania, where Judge Kirkpatrick is making a great fight to overcome a usual democratic majority of 5,000, was called back to this city Saturday, owing to the serious illness of his eldest son with diphtheria.

Col. Joseph Conrad, retired, is at Cairo Capt. W. A. Miller, retired, has taken up his residence at 1016 Vermont avenue for the winter.

Maj. Henry McElderey, medical depart-

ment, is in the city on leave of absence.
Lieut. W. H. Diggs of the Columbia is in the city for a day or two.

Betting Farms on the Result. EUREKA SPRINGS, Ark., November 2. -Two farms, each of 440 acres and valued at \$4 an acre, or \$2,200 each, have been wagered here on the result of the election in Illinois. R. T. Stickney of Carthage, Mo., representative of Jasper county in the Missouri legislature, bets James T. Pomeroy of this city that Bryan will carry Illinois. Deeds to the two farms have been deposited in a local bank.

Bureau of American Republics. The executive committee of the bureau of American republics called on the Secretary of State today and had a conference in regard to the arrangement of a program for the future work of the bureau.

UNTIL THE RESULT IS KNOWN ON EVE OF BATTLE

Political Prophets Question Their Own Estimates.

LABOR VOTE LARGELY FOR BRYAN

Enormous Democratic Bolt of Business Men.

SOME SURFACE INDICATIONS

Special From a Staff Correspondent.

CHICAGO, November 2.-The political prophets who have been telling every one how the election is going are now quietly asking each other what they think about it. Managers and politicians never learn how little they know until the day before information, which will flow in from all di- election. Experienced politicians know that canvassers are reliable up to a certain point, will have the complete bulletin service of that is, to indicate the trend of public sentiment. The trouble about the estimates of both national committees is that the republican committee draw their conclusions as to the trend of public sentiment from the higher grade of society, while the democratic committee are influenced in their judgment by what they find to be the sentiment in other classes.

I am thoroughly satisfied that the labor vote, both organized and unorganized, is generally favorable to Bryan. Bryan is likely to get quite as large a vote from that been erected in front of The Star office, on class as is expected. On the other hand the democrats have been deceiving themselves as to the disaffection among the leading business men and their associates.

> I do not understand how any one can fail to see that the loss to the democrats from this quarter is enormous. While denying this, they recognize it when they make a great display of every prominent business man who proclaims himself loyal to them. He is received into their arms with all the cordiality of a new convert. The fact that a prominent business man who has always been a democrat has after long hesitating at last come out for Bryan is regarded in most any city in the country as a matter of sufficient importance to call the attention of the national committee, and to make great rejoicing over it. It has long since ceased to be a novelty to the republicans to have democrats of this class come over to them. The occasion for surprise and comment is when they have not done

> This being the situation, any democratic estimate which makes light of the disaffection in the democratic ranks is not reliable. They have lost in all directions many thousands, and it must be acknowledged that those democrats who have bolted from heir party are from the more influential class. The power and influence of these men will count for much against the probable advantage in numbers of converts which the democrats have among the farmers and laboring men. Moreover, the business men who have left their party are less subject than are the humbler classes to be whipped back into line, especially when their social surroundings sustain them in the position they have taken.

Not Many Weakening.

I do not see evidence of men on either side who have quit their party going back to any considerable extent, but among the more ignorant and less positive element many who have not openly declared their revolt may be pulled back. I think that the percentage of the labor vote cast for Bryan tomorrow would be extremely large but for one thing. That is the foreign vote that is not fully Americanized. The native Americans and those who have so far lost their foreign identity as to drift out of communities distinctively of their nationality, and even those of such communities where American customs have come to dominate, are very difficult to draw back into line when they have once made up their minds to make a change.

The tug of war is to get the votes of the very large class of naturalized citizens who adhere to their own customs and languages. And I believe the republicans have the best of it.

My personal observation is made here, but reports from elsewhere correspond to the condition I see here. The chairman of the republican committee here expresses the opinon to me that Bryan's vote among the laboring men will be confined to native Americans. I do not think it is quite accurate, but it is an exaggeration of an actual condition.

Surface Indications.

The claims that both sides make privately of things likely to happen are instanced in this: Georgia claimed by republicans, New York claimed by democrats. The fact is that both sides are straining their eyes locking down a dark corridor to recognize the dim figure in the distance. McKinley and Bryan look much alike in the dark and to the blind. The democrats do not put a confidence as to Indiana that warrants its being placed in the sure Bryan column. The republicans surely have an equal right to claim it as far as surface indications go. Kentucky is generally regarded as giving a better outlook for Bryan than it did, but it is no sure thing. Maryland is in the balance if you take the average of eviderce.

Indications leave Minnesota about the same shade toward the republicans as Michigan shades the other way. Some republicans say they think Illinois safer than either Ohio or Iowa, but they do not admit the probability that either of the three states will be lost to them.

There is some surprise here over the indications that the democrats have put up a better fight in New Jersey than it was thought possible they could.

Neither side has a right to claim Oregon on the information they have. The best judges do not think that Texas belongs in the doubtful colmun. The situation as to Wyoming is about as it is in Oregon. Both shade toward Bryan. Washington looks by reports reasonably sure for Bryan.

The democrats are a little more confident about west Virginia than seems warranted, though the outlook is rather favorable

to them than otherwise. They Stand by Their Claims

Chairman Jones says that he has no change to make in his claim given out yesterday, but that later information inclines him to put Illinois in the "certain Bryan" column. He says he refrains from doing so simply because he prefers to claim too little rather than to run the risk of claiming too much.

Reports from Iowa and Ohio indicate, he says, that those states are going for Bryan, but he thinks it more reasonable and conservative not to claim them. Mr. Payne, speaking for the republican as yet.

national committee, told me this afternoon that the committee had no reason to change the claim made yesterday. "All our information received since," he said, "confirms that claim."

Chairman Jones to State Chairmen. Chairman Jones has sent the following to the chairmen of democratic state committees in all states where there is a con-

"CHICAGO, Ill., November 2. "Hon. A. Maxwell, democratic candidate for state auditor in Illinois, wires me from Lawrenceville, Ill., that our friends have discovered a plot on the part of the republican managers to steal the election in that county; that they have captured a valise full of official ballots. I understand that vigorous steps have been taken to prosecute everybody connected with the fraud; that a number of arrests have been made already. It would be well for you to advise every county committeeman in your state at once of this, and to have them notify each township committeeman in their respective counties and urge the most extraordinary vigilance on the part of our people to prevent the perpetration of such rascallty in your state. Spare no expense necessary to ferret out anything of this kind in your state. Call the attention of our papers everywhere to this villainy and have the people aroused. "JAMES K. JONES."

(Signed) J. P. M

MICHIGAN GREENBACKERS. They Form an Unknown Factor in That State's Election.

pecial Dispatch to The Evening Star. KALAMAZOO, Mich., November 2.-Careful polls made by the republican state,

congressional, district and county committees, completed Saturday, fix McKinley's plurality at not less than 35,000, and distributed as follows: 16,000 in upper peninsula, Wayne county (Detroit), 6,000, and lower peninsula counties, 20,000 for Mc-Kinley, giving Bryan 17,000 plurality in remaining designated counties. It is estimated that Pingree, for govern-

or, will run behind McKinley from 15,000 to 20,000, due to the sound money democratic vote and republican defection. Every congressional district save one is claimed by the republicans, and that, the tenth, is regarded as an even chance. The rural vote, especially of the farmers, is heaviest for Bryan in the "greenback counties of 1878," and is an unknown and uncertain The leading democrats in '78 are now for

sound money under the lead of Dickinson, Lothrop, Barnes, Webber, Pratt and others. Don Dickinson claims that 50 per cent of the democratic vote of 1892 will be against Bryan, of which 30 per cent will vote directly for McKinker. vote directly for McKinley.

Betting odds of three and four to one on McKinley are offered without takers. My own opinion is that these figures are too high, but state is certain to go for Mc-Kinley by not less than 20,000 majority.

WHEN THE POLLS CLOSE.

Election Results Likely to Be Later

CHICAGO, November 2.- The public must be prepared for a later service on tomorrow's election than usual. It will be borne in mind that hitherto in presidential elections New York has been a pivotal state, and that the polls closed there at 4 o'clock in the afternoon; the telegraph facilities were of the highest order, and the difference in time between that city and the west enabled the Associated Press to practically determine the result of the election before midnight.

This year interest will center chiefly in states west of the Alleghanies, and particularly in states west of the Mississippi. Much of the advantage of time is lost. As a rule the polls will close at a later hour, and the telegraphic facilities are comparatively limited. In the state of Illinois there is a provision for amending the state constitution, and in Chicago another for the issue of local bonds, both of which, under the law, must be counted first, and this will necessarily involve some delay. needless to say that every effort will be made to prosecute the work as rapidly as possible, but the limitations above indi-cated exist, and it is as well that they should be understood.

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(local time) for opening and closing the polls in the various states: States. Polls open. Polls close Arkansas

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In computing returns for tomorrow's elecbe made with the presidential election of 1892.

ANOTHER DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION Rumored in Chicago That One Will Be Held in Sixty Days.

CHICAGO, November 2.-The rumor leaked out of the state headquarters of the gold standard democrats this morning that, in all probability, there would be a national convention of gold democracy within sixty days after the election. It was said that the project was to some extent dependent on the result of the election tomorrow. The matter has not yet beer formally considered by the national committee, and, as the committee will not mee until after election, there will be no definite

Betting on Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., November 2.-Edward G. Rowling, cashier of the Mississippi National Bank at Charleston, Mo., has telegraphed \$1,000 to Manager Weaver of the Planters' Hotel, with instructions to bet at 2 to 1 that Missouri would go democratic. No takers

NOT OFF FOR DUCKS

No Hunting Expedition for the President at This Time.

HARD AT WORK AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Will Receive the Election Returns There Tomorrow Night.

WHO WILL BE WITH HIM

hunting, as was stated by several misinformed newspapers this morning, and he has no such intention at present. On the contrary, he is hard at work at his desk in the White House today, as usual, and has decided to remain there all day tomorrow and tomorrow evening, instead of seeking the seclusion of his country home at Woodlev, as had been suggested to him. Perfect arrangements have been made for the receipt of prompt and full election returns at the Executive Mansion. The President will get the benefit of all the bulletins of the press associations and the telegraph companies, as well as such private advices as may be sent him by personal friends at the principal political centers. The special telegraph wire running from the Western Union office to the White House will be utilized to its fullest capacity, and a large force of messenger boys will be employed in the delivery of additional messages, con aining more detailed information in regard to the count. Consequently the White House will be the center of interest for all the leading members of the administration who will be in the city tomorrow evening None of the cabinet officers has made any independent arrangements to get election returns elsewhere.

The President's Guests.

Among those who will be the President' guests on this occasion, fraught with so much importance to the material welfare of the country, are Secretary Olney, Secre tary Carlisle and Secretary Morton, who or not propose to vote tomorrow; Secretary Lamont, who votes in New York, and Post-master General Wilson, who votes in Charleston, W. Va. Both of the latter gentlemen will come direct to Washington after depositing their ballots against the Chicago free silver ticket. They have al-ready gone home, but expect to vote early tomorrow morning and return to Washing-

tomorrow morning and rectain ton in the early evening.

None of the other absent members of the cabinet will be able to reach this city necessity to the cabinet with the cabinet with the cabinet will be able to reach the city necessary. fore Wednesday. Secretary Herber: votes in Montgomery, Ala., Secretary Francis votes in St. Louis, Mo., and Attorney General Harmon votes in Cincinnati, Ohio. Private Secretary Thurber, who was unable to go home to Michigan at this time, will be in general charge of affairs at the White House tomorrow evening, and will the President and his cabinet as soon as received.

Gone Home to Vote.

A number of treasury officials have gon nome to vote, among them being Assistant Secretary Wike of Illinois, Assistant Secretary Hamlin of Massachusetts, Commissioner Miller of West Virginia, Judge Bowler of Ohio, Controller of the Treasury, Mr. Eckels of Illinois, Controller of the Currency Treasurer Morgan of Connecticut and Auditor Baldwin. Assistant Secretary Curtis will probably go to New York tonight and vote early tomorrow morning, so as to

and vote early tomorrow morning, so as to return here in the afternoon in time to sign the official mail of the Treasury Department as acting secretary.

Assistant Secretary Doe of the War Department, who is one of the few leading officials in favor of the Bryan ticket, is suffering with a severe cold and is unable to leave the city. Assistant Secretary Mc-Adoo, who is acting secretary of the navy Adoo, who is acting secretary of the navy in the absence of Secretary Herbert, is reg-istered in Jersey City, but will hardly be able to get away in time to vote: more-over, there is a possibility that his vote in that city might be challenged, because of his long absence therefrom.

Lack of Interest Among Clerks. Inquiry at the various departments show that the number of clerks and other employes who have gone home to vote this year is under rather than above the aver-

age, a condition that is certainly surprising considering the deep personal interest all government employes must have in the defeat of the ticket practically on record as opposed to the present civil service sys-tem. This apparent lack of interest in the election is alleged to be due to a feeling o supreme confidence in the success of good government sound money party or the part of many of the stay-at-their-desks and on the part of the others to a feeling that non-participation in the campaign will render them more secure in their places regardless of the issue of the election.

A SUIT FOR PARTITION.

Harrison S. Barbour Petitions for Division of His Father's Estate. Harrison S. Barbour, a son of the lat-James L. Barbour, today filed a bill in equity against Annie E. Barbour, his mother, and twenty-six others, praying for the sale and partition of his father's estate among those entitled to share therein. The real estate is described as follows Sub lots 50 to 60, both inclusive, square 237; north 23 feet of lot 27, square 1000 sub lots 18 and 19, square 536; lot 6, square 536; sub lot 13, square 459; sub lots 21 to 35, both inclusive, of Mt. Pleasant and Pleasant Plains; sub lot 25, block 1, Pleasant Plains; north part of lot 9, square 382 sub lots A to F, both inclusive, square 536 sub lots 60 and 61, square 461, and half in-terest in sub lots 15, 16 and 17, square 300. Mr. Barbour is represented by Attorney Clarence A. Brandenberg.

SNOW IN THE WEST. A Foot Covers the Ground in South

Dakota. HURON, S. D., November 2.-Five inches of very heavy snow fell last night, making a foot on the ground. A heavy storm north

and west is reported very severe, and farmers are wholly unprepared for winter. Telegraph poles and wires are down between here and Pierre, and no communication with that city has been had by wir Thursday evening. Trains are only slightly delayed. Killed at a Grade Crossing.

CHICAGO, November 2.-Annie Vander-

wall, aged seven years, was instantly killed and Ella Birkman, aged nine years, fatally injured today at the Joseph street crossing of the Chicago and Alten railroad. While their attention was diverted to a switch engine some distance away they were struck by a freight car which had been "kicked" by the engine. Annie Vanderwall's head was completely cut off,

Ocean Steamships Arrived. NEW YORK, November 2.-Arrived-Bo-

vic, Liverpool; Clive, Leghorn; State of Callfornia, Glasgow. GLASGOW, November 2.-Arrived-Buenos Ayrean, Montreal.

GIBRALTAR, November 2.—Arrived—Columbia, New York for Genoa.

Many of Them in the South May Vote the McKinley Ticket.

Secretary Edgerton Does Not Believe the Defection Will Amount

to Much.

All through the southern states many

middle-of-the-road populists and announce ing their intention of voting for McKinley as a rebuke for the alleged bad treatment of Watson by the democrats and by the national committee of his own party. The democrats and populists declare their belief that this vote will be small. A Star reporter who inquired about the matter at populist headquarters was told that there would be comparatively little of this in any state in the south or elsewhere. Secretary Edgerton ventured the assertion that 95 per cent of the populists of the country would vote for Bryan, even including the defective populist vote in He declared that he did not be-Texas. lieve the middle-of-the-road men would affect the result in any state. He said that letters had been received at headquarters here from time to time mentioning supposed cases of populist bolts, but, he said, he had no knowledge of an instance

May Amount to Something. In other channels it is said that this mid-

lle-of-the-road vote will amount to something in several states, and may change the tide. In Tennessee there is no fusion of the populists and democrats and the populists of that state swear by Watson and all he says. Should a fair percentage of populists in that state vote for McKinley it might make a change which is not now looked for. The democrats of Tennessee are calcu-

lating on the populists not voting their own electoral ticket and supporting the Bryan and Sewall ticket. They are said to be counting erroneously. In Alabama there is a bitter feeling between the democrats and populists, and it is reported that many populists will vote the Mcinley ticket. It might take a good many of these to change the result in Alabama, but should the sentiment of resentment be large and manifest itself in favor of McKinley, there is no tell-ing what might happen. The sound money strength in that state is larger than in any other southern state. The combination of this vote with the republicans and a strong following of populists would be formidable
It is also said that in Kansas and Ne braska this middle-of-the-road vote is going to make a larger hole in the Bryan vote than the populists count on. In those states this movement is being led by able populists, who have the confidence of many followers.

BRYAY MONEY IS SCARCE.

Odds of Three to One on McKinley Find Few Takers. McKiniey money is going begging in Washington. There is scarcely a public

resort in the city where plenty of it is not waiting to be wagered at the odds of 3 to 1 on the election of the Canton man tomorrow, but there is no Bryan boodle, to use a favorite colloquialism, in sight. An enthusiast or two may be found who can be excited to the betting point by adroit argument, but the money put up in such instances is in small sums. At the Metropolitan Hotel this morning a wager of \$100 against \$33.33 was placed in Mr. William Burdine's hands, the long end being on Mc-Linley. Several other bets at similar odds, but in smaller amounts, were also made at the same place. There is McKinley money waiting takers at odds of 3 to 1 at Driver's, the Shoomaker Company's, the Losekam, the Arlington Hotel and numerous other places, while in some of the brokers' offices on F street still larger odds can be obtained, provided the men who want to bet on Bryan will keep quiet on the subject of the wagers to be made. Six to five is being offered that McKinley will carry Maryland, and considerable money in small amounts is being wagered at these amounts. There is considerable hedging in progress. One man who attained some prominence a few weeks ago by his willingness to bet on Bryan is said to have bet several big sums on McKinley at 3 to 1 in order to get even, no matter which way the political cat jumps tomorrow. The latter bets were

A MILITIAMAN'S UNIFORM.

He is Acquitted of the Charge of Pawning the Articles.

made through an agent.

The first case brought for several months under the law providing for the organization of the militia of the District of Columbia was heard this afternoon by Judge Miller in the Police Court, when John Strauss, a private in Company C, 6th Battalion, was placed on trial for pawning certain uniform clothing, the property of the United States. The prosecuting witness

was Captain Benjamin H. Streeks. According to the testimony, Strauss owed his landlady several dollars for room rent. Her claim was that he left the uniform with her as security for the amount due. The defendant denied this, saying that the property was taken and held in spite of protestations on his part.

The testimony was somewhat ambiguous, and, as Strauss was given an excellent character by several witnesses, the charge was dismisse

WILL PAY UP AND CLOSE UP. What Secretary Edgerton Says of the Populist National Committee.

Secretary Edgerton of the populist national committee says that his committee will pay all it owes this week and close up shop before the week is out, no matter who is elected. The committee, it is understood, has enough money to square up everything. It will have little or nothing left over. Mr. Edgerton does not know the amount of money which has been spent by the committee, but does not think it will exceed an estimate made in The Star, of \$12,000. Had the committee not begun the printing of its handbook, which is valueless for this campaign, it would have had a balance, or would have used the money

for other purposes.

It is said the committee has been handicapped in the raising of funds. The middle of-the-road men have been slow about contributing, because they did not like the at. titude of the committee toward Watson. The liberal members of the party have sent a good deal of their money to Chairman Jones at Chicago, believing that his committee would have the brunt of the fight and would need the money.

FUNERAL SERVICES.

The Late John H. Thompson Laid to Rest Today. The funeral of the late John H. Thomp-

son, who for more than thirty years was a clerk in the office of the second auditor for the treasury, and who died Thursday last, in his eightieth year, took place this morning at 11 o'clock from Gunton Temple Memorial Church, of which he was long a member. The services were conducted by Rev. G. B. Patch, pastor, and the inter-ment was made in Oak Hill cemetery. The fellow clerks of the deceased held a meetirg Saturday and passed resolutions of re-gret and condolence in reference to his

MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD MEN MARCHING ON HAVANA

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it only in The Star.

Reported Intention of Insurgents to

DETAILS OF THE ARTIMESA BATTLE

It is Reiterated That the Cubans

CAPTURE OF A VESSEL

NEW YORK, November 2.- A dispatch to the Herald from Key West, Fla., says: Predictions are made that the city of Havana will be besieged by Maximo Gomez within the next sixty days. To that end Gomez and all the rebel forces, it is reported, are now marching westward toward the capital.

The Fight at Artimesa. HAVANA, November 2.- The report that Antonio Maceo crossed the military line after attacking Artimesa and being repulsed with great loss, according to the official account is again denied, and it is stated that the insurgents upon that occasion acted without unison, disobeyed orders, made no attack upon the forts and were unable to capture the Spanish intrenchments.

Still, according to the official version of the affair, Maceo, the day after bombarding Artimesa, in conversation with the manager of a firm near Mangas, Pinar del tained and admitted it was no easy matter to cross the military line.

The Spanish forces are slowly occupying

the positions which Maceo may have in-tended to use, and he is said to be resting In order to care for his wounded. There are two versions of the where-abouts of Maceo, One of them has it that Maceo and Rubi are in the mountains on the limits of Cabanas and Cayajabos, which constitute a part of the Sierra Del Resario, and another report has it that he is in the Rangel mountains of the Sierra,

south of San Cristobal. It is difficult to a curately locate him.

The Spanish troops are continuing their advance westward toward the insurgent strongholds without receiving any assist-

arce from the troops stationed along the military line, which is being still further strengthened.

Captured a Spanish Vessel. KEY WEST, Fla., November 2.-Col. Guspierre, formerly of the French army, and Col. Oriega, formerly of the Venezuelan army, with Lieuts. Trias and Carlos Garcia, arrived here today from Nassau. These men say they captured a Spanish vessel off the coast of Cuba and conveyed the crew and provisions to the insurgents, after which they embarked on board the captured vessel and arrived at Nassau, where

they were detained three days in quarar They also report having been present at the action of Cascorras, and state that Maximo Gomez and other insurgent leaders have sufficient arms and ammunition to carry on the winter campaign. In conclusion they say that the island, from Matanzas up, is called Cuba Libre. The men are members of a special commission from

Puerto Principe. WHEAT OPENED HIGHER.

Liverpool Advices Aided in Causing an Advance. CHICAGO, November 2.-Everything pointed toward higher prices at the opening of the wheat pit this morning. Liverpool showed unexpected strength, coming 1 1-4d. higher. World's shipments showed a falling off, and a decrease on passage was reperted. Their combined influence was productive of an advance of about 5-8 cents. December opening at from 73 1-4 to 73 1-2. After selling around 73 3-8 cents for a while, the price advanced steadily to 74 cents. December then eased off to 73 3-4 cents, but soon advanced again to 74 3-8. Northwest receipts, though heavy,

over 300 cars over last year's figures NO LENIENCY FOR THE CASTLES. The Hearing of the Case Set for Next

regarded as bullish, showing a reduction of

Friday. LONDON, November 2.-At the opening of the Clerkwell sessions today, Chairman McConnell directed the special attention of the grand jury to the case of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Castle of San Francisco, who are charged with stealing goods from various London stores, saying that it presented some remarkable circumstances. He added that the facts did not differ from ordinary charges of larceny, except for the

pesition of the defendants.

Continuing, the chairman stated that upon most occasions the Castles visited the stores together, but sometimes Mrs. Castle was alone. Still, he further asserted, there was evidence which bore the construction that there was joint possession of the arti-cles, and he expressed the opinion that it was a proper case for investigation by a common jury, as, with the exception of ore, all the seven charges were shoplifting. The hearing of the case was set for Friday next at 10.30 a.m.

ROANOKE'S MAYOR FATALLY HURT. He Was Run Over by a Trolley Car.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. RICHMOND, Va., November 2.-A special from Roanoke, Va., says Mayor Mc-Clelland was today run over by a troiley car and fatally hurt. His skull was fractured. He is unconscious, and not expected to live throughout the day.

For Illegal Registration.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. ALEXANDRIA, Va., November 2.-At the instance of Commonwealth's Attorney Leonard Marbury, chairman of the state démocratic executive committee, warrants have been sworn out for a large number of persons who, it is alleged, have illegally registered in this city. Today the police arrested Bernard Lee

Carter Bradford, Joseph Beckham and W. H. Hobday, all colored, charged with hav-ing registered when they had no legal residence or residence of any any kind in Alex-andria. These men will be tried at a spe-cial session of the police court tonight. Three colored women were arrested at neon, charged with defacing Bryan litera-

Few Palmer Votes Likely. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

ture, which had been posted about town They will be tried tonight,

CHICAGO, November 2.-A telegram was received Saturday night from Detroit stating on the highest authority that the sound money democrats of Michigan would almost solidly vote for McKinley and Hobart. Chairman Bynum of the sound money democratic executive committee said this morning that he had information from all the sound money democratic leaders in the central and western states, as well as Kentucky and some other states in the south, advising him that the sound money democrats would unite and cast their votes for McKinley and Hobart.

Besiege the City.

Were Defeated.